

The Hialeah Update

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Chicken Kitchen



Police Swearing In



21 Police Officers were sworn in at Wilde Park on July 16, 2007.

Dear Friends,

With this first Issue of The Hialeah Update, I would like to open the doors of communication between me and you. You should expect this update about every ten days in your inbox, which I feel is easier for most of us that are constantly connected to our computers and blackberries. Below you will find some of our latest occurrences and informative briefings of community events and issues. You will find helpful information as well as stories that will keep you up to date.



Governor Crist In Hialeah To Sign "Janelle's Law"

Mayor Julio Robaina and the Hialeah City Council lent their support to State Representative Eddy Gonzalez (R-Hialeah) who sponsored House Bill 483, also known as "Janelle's Law". They all witnessed, as Governor Charlie Crist signing the bill into law on July 24, 2007 at Hialeah's Fire Station #7.

"Janelle's Law" is named in memory of Anthony

Perez and Janelle Bertot, who both died from carbon-monoxide poisoning. Janelle's Law requires all new homes built in Florida to be outfitted with both smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors. Currently, Florida Law only requires new homes to be outfitted with smoke detectors. "Janelle's Law" is already a City of Hialeah Ordinance.

Hialeah Flew International Colors: The City of Hialeah flew the flags of Colombia, Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, as part of Florida Cities' International Flag Day, July 18, 2007. Florida Cities' International Flag Day was created to encourage cities to fly the flags of countries that contribute to the international influences and flavors in their city. Every city in Florida has international influences: historic, business and cultural. This event was intended to broaden the spotlight on how diverse our citizenry is, how different cultures add to our quality of life, and how our local economies thrive as a result of international interests and businesses. Florida Cities' International Flag Day honors our international history, geography and economy.



Adopt A Tree: As part of Hialeah's "Going Green" initiatives, Mayor Julio Robaina encouraged all the residents of Hialeah to attend the Adopt-A-Tree event that was held on Saturday July 21, 2007 at Milander Park. Eligible residents were given the opportunity to choose up to two trees, free of charge. This is an event that occurs yearly in our city. The six types of trees (Mango, Lychee, Green Buttonwood, Longan, Pigeon Plum & Queensland Crepe Myrtle) were available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Since elected, Mayor Robaina has put an emphasis on increasing the city's tree canopy. Streets throughout the city are now divided with environmentally friendly medians which have been landscaped with trees, flowers & plants native to the area. The green areas have also been significantly increased at city parks and facilities. Mayor Robaina continues to encourage residents of the city to contribute in making environment friendly choices when landscaping the area around their homes and businesses. "Not only does it beautify our community, but with each tree we plant, we are doing our part in saving the planet for future generations" said Mayor Robaina.



The Generation Engage iCHAT With Colin

Powell: On July 6, 2007, Miami Dade College with Generation Engage and the local civic-engagement, hosted an interactive iChat video conference with former Secretary of State Colin Powell. This event served as the official Generation Engage kick-off for South Florida since the organization will open an office at the college. In addition, Mayor Julio Robaina addressed participants on the importance of civic engagement and encouraged them to follow certain steps in order to become more involved with our community.

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